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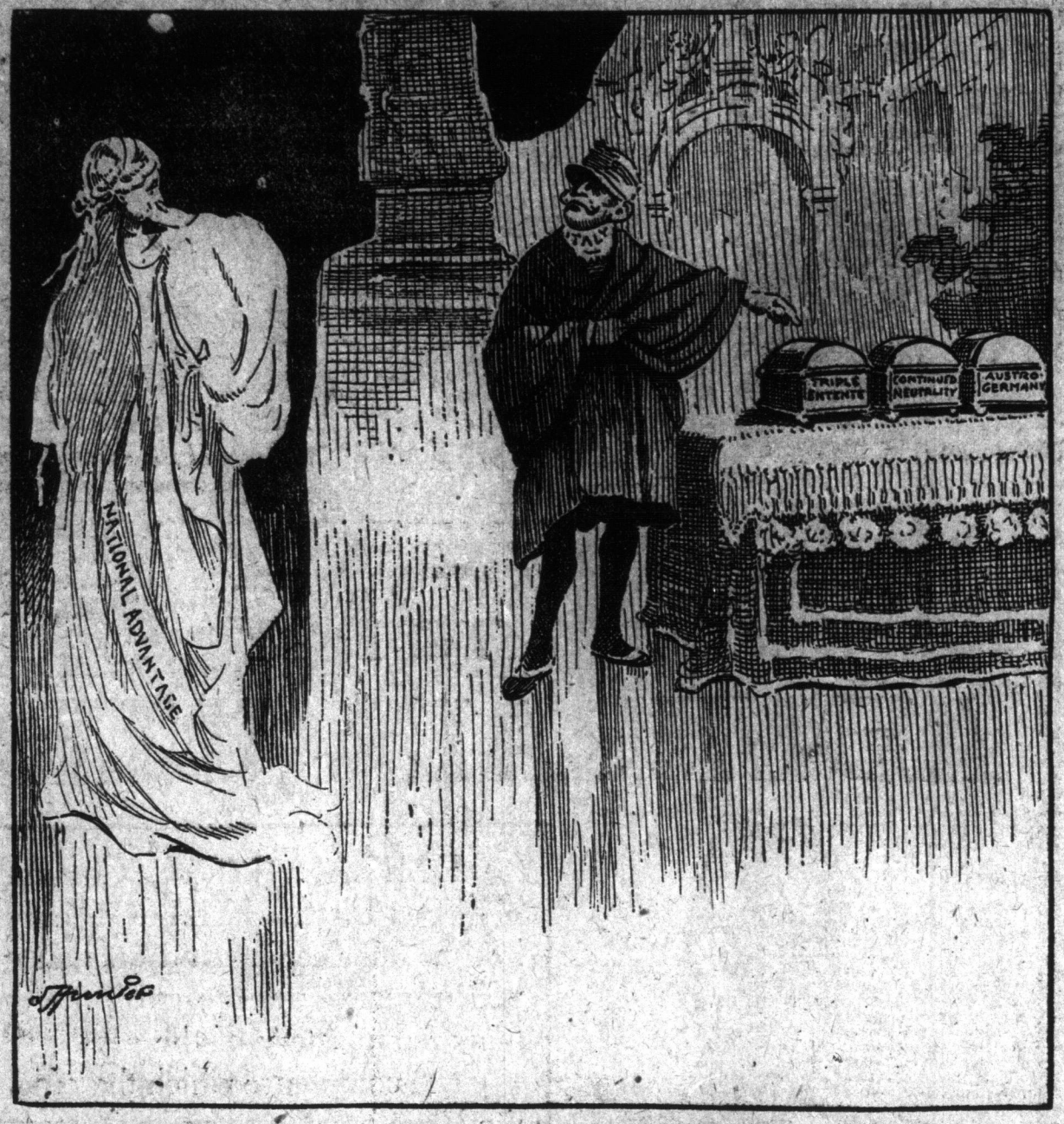
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CHOOSING THE CASKET.



BASSANIO: "Let me choose; For as I am, I live upon the rack."
—"Merchant of Venice," Act III., Scene II.

is that property is taxed at anywhere from forty to one hundred and thirty-five per cent of its value. It has also been shown that the small holder invariably gets the highest percentage of assessment.

Now that the province has undertaken to share in the taxation raised through this assessment it is more than ever the duty of the attorney-general or some other minister of the crown to see that the Assessment Act is properly administered. It is an inequitable, an injurious and debasing system which prompts the citizen to reflect that his millionaire neighbor is exempted \$300,000 or more in his assessment while he of the small property is assessed at its actual value. He begins to think that he must get justice for himself; that he must get even, and these are the first steps to graft. We do not believe as we said in the beginning, that any man will grudge the mill on the dollar which the province has imposed for war purposes, but when the little man knows, as he does know, that he is paying more in proportion than the big man, he pays with less heart and patriotic enthusiasm.

Nothing Doing
It was admitted during the discussion on the nickel question by the Associated Boards of Trade that it would be nine months or a year before a report would be brought in by the commission which the Ontario Government has promised to appoint. The commission is still on the way, and we can only hope that the delay shall not be unduly prolonged. The Boards of Trade have asked for men who will be non-political, practical and thoroughly impartial. The government should not leave the impression that such men are difficult to find. But it must be a grave disappointment to all who are watching the trend of imperial affairs to hear that the Ontario Government have after all only given the people a stall-off in this most important question. We grant that all parties to the discussion were willing to accept the assurance that no nickel was being exported from the United States to Germany, but we have not Canada nor Ontario to thank for that assurance. So far all that Ontario or Canada has done is to let the nickel trust do what it pleased.

Germany Taking the Count
Now that the shadow of defeat is steadily creeping over Germany the Kaiser and his satellites are doing their best to convince neutral nations that they have been wickedly misled regarding the German lust for world dominion. Germany, neutral nations are told, was eminently peaceful in her views and outlook, and is now fighting for her very existence against a coalition of selfish enemies that are jealous of her "kultur," of her progress and of her efficiency. This effort to present the Prussian war party as much maligned apostles of peace, civilization and international law is too fantastic to receive or deserve credence. It is directly disproved by the events and correspondence that preceded the Kaiser's declaration of war, and no less by the whole course of German policy both before and after Austria became the cat's paw of German ambition.

Undoubtedly the most severe blow the Kaiser has yet received in this epoch-making conflict is the declaration made by Sir Edward Grey that the British Government is in sympathy with Russia's desire for free access to the Mediterranean Sea, and that the form of its realization will be settled in the terms of peace. Important as the foreign secretary's intimation was as marking an entire change in the relations of the United Kingdom to the Russian Empire it is of more striking interest as being in effect a notification to the Kaiser that Germany's path to that sea and to Asia Minor is finally barred, bolted and closed. All the results of his assiduous courting of the decadent Turk, all his plans and schemes for the expansion of German influence and power through Turkey in Asia and towards the Persian Gulf go irretrievably by the board.

In German eyes the present war became inevitable when the Balkan states drove the Turkish armies out of Europe and divided up its territory. The second Balkan war is now known to have been the consequence of Austrian intrigues, and would, beyond peradventure, have been the preliminary to Austrian interference at that time but for the fact that the enlargement of the Kiel Canal was still under way.

BIG EATERS GET KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take Salts at First Sign of Bladder Irritation or Backache.

The American men and women must guard constantly against kidney trouble, because we eat too much and our food is rich. Our blood is filled with uric acid which the kidneys strive to filter out, they weaken from overwork, become sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.

When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead, your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with sick headache or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or you have rheumatism when the weather is bad, get from your pharmacist about four pills of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine.

SEEKS OWNERSHIP OF HER OWN GIRL

Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis Asks for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

ARRESTED FOR SPY

Absentee Figures in Case Heard at Osgoode Hall.

Before Mr. Justice Sutherland, at Osgoode Hall yesterday, Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, widow of Toronto, made application to get back her little daughter Gwendoline, whom she has not seen since August, 1912. Mrs. Lewis stated that she supported the little girl, who is four years of age, from the date of its father's death, when it was two years and three months old. In 1913 she brought the child from England to Canada, and left it with Mrs. Gurnore, in London, Ont. At that time she was not able to make a home for the child, but she had no intention of abandoning her.

Mention was made in a judgment of Justice Middleton of the arrest of Jean Frank Armand, a British subject, and his incarceration in Germany, as a French spy. Armand lived in Montreal, and he was mortgagee of Toronto property owned by Amos Worthington, and sold by him to Charles McMillan.

The agreement for sale called for the property being free of all encumbrances. Owing to the absence of Armand, his interest under the mortgage could not be cleared by the vendor, Mrs. Worthington, the court to find a way to clear off the encumbrance on the property, so that it could be sold.

His lordship directs that the vendor may satisfy the purchaser by paying into court \$100.00 owing to Mr. Armand.

BERLIN BUSINESS MEN VICTIMS OF SWINDLER

Strange Man Bought Goods and Paid for Them With Worthless Cheques.

Special to The Toronto World. BERLIN, Ont., Feb. 26.—The separate school board of this city has decided to erect a new two-storey school at a cost of \$20,000.

The police are looking for a swindler who defrauded several businesses this week by buying goods and issuing cheques which turned out to be worthless. Frank Shush, Toronto, was the name attached to the cheques.

Millitiamen here are making enquiries about the non-arrival of equipment for the 108th Regiment, organized last September. Thru the efforts of this regiment 150 men have been accepted for service with the Canadian expeditionary force.

Withdrawal Tours to California May 20 and July 5, 1915.

The Witrow Tours to California for the San Francisco and San Diego Expositions should appeal strongly to those wishing to enjoy the advantage of a specially conducted tour; an additional attraction in this connection is the fact that each tour will be limited in number, thus giving the conductor an opportunity to give individual attention to each member of the party.

On return trip members of the party who so desire may travel via the incomparable Canadian Rockies and visit the beautiful Canadian Pacific hotels, which have a world-wide reputation for their high standard of service.

Mrs. Newlywed Says:--

"I find it so hard to economize, but I must do so for a while."

Mrs. Wiseneighbour Says:--

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WEEHAWKEN IS SAFE.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The British tanker Weehawken, about whose safety some alarm was felt, has arrived at Barry, according to despatches received here today. A lifeboat and other wreckage picked up near Anglesey was lost overboard during a storm, the tanker reported.

EVELYN'S CREW SAFE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Minister Van Dyke at The Hague cabled today it was unofficially reported that the entire crew of the American fish-er Evelyn, sunk by a mine, was safe at Bremen. The fate of Captain Smith and one boatload has been cloaked in mystery.

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